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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

Special Section in the Forest Department to deal with Forest Industries.

No. 5269-317—I. & C. 94-16-3, DATED 11TH JANUARY 1917.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Order No. 5269-317—I. & C. 94-16-3, dated 11th January 1917.

With a view to the systematic investigation and development of the forest resources in the State in regard to all their economic possibilities, Government are pleased to sanction the temporary creation of a special section in the Forest Department to deal with forest industries, with effect from the 16th January 1917, and to appoint Rao Saheb Mr. M. Rama Rao, retired Extra Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madras service, as Special Forest Officer to be in charge thereof under the general control of the head of the Forest Department.

2. The duties of the Special Officer will be—

(1) to study the commercial aspects of the State Forests and develop forest industries and forest revenue;

(2) Improvement of forest communications and exploitations of ghat and other new forests; and

(3) to deal with other special questions that may be referred to him from time to time.

3. His principal work in the first year will be the development of half a dozen specified forest industries. He will be requested to pay special attention during the first year to the question of wood distillation and work out complete schemes immediately for the development of the following industries with regard to which preliminary investigation has been conducted in some cases :—

(i) Manufacture of paper pulp and paper ;
(ii) Manufacture of pencils ;
(iii) Manufacture of matches ;
(iv) Utilisation of tanning materials and improvement of leather industries ;
(v) Utilisation of other raw materials from the forests, especially those useful for the manufacture of soaps, oils, resins, dyes, etc.

4. The appointment of Mr. Rama Rao will, in the first instance, be for a period of two years. His pay will be fixed at Rs. 800 plus an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem. His travelling allowance will be regulated according to the following rates :—

Double first class fare by rail ;
Daily allowance of Rs. 6 a day and
Mileage at 8 annas a mile.

He will be subordinate to the Conservator of Forests. Detailed proposals may be submitted regarding any special staff that may be required by the Special Forest Officer, his powers and his relation to the ordinary staff of the Department.

5. Mr. M. Rama Rao will also work in close association with the Director of Industries and Commerce so far as the Industrial and Commercial portions of his work are concerned. He will be appointed an additional member of the Industries and Commerce Committee and of the Board of the Sandalwood Oil Factory.

6. The cost of the pay of the Special Officer and his establishment and other expenditure connected with the investigation will be met for the present by re-appropriation from the forest budget, suitable provision being made in the next year's budget.

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To—The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government through Branch II.
The Heads of other Departments.
The Secretary, Economic Conference.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.